



AGENDA REPORT

City Council

DATE:	December 19, 2023
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Councilmember Zepeda
Subject:	Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission Year-end Report
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	None
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	None
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission was established in 1962.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	RECEIVE the Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission Annual Report – Councilmember Zepeda (510-620-6593)

DISCUSSION:

The Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission meets on a monthly basis on the 1st Wednesday in the Shimada Room located in the rear of the Council Chambers. The

commission plans and facilitates activities to carry out the mission of building people-to-people relationships.

Richmond Shimada Friendship Commission - End of Year Activities at a Glance

- Visit to Shimada October 2022
- Hosted student delegation in March 2023
- Volunteer Appreciation Picnic with JETAANC
- Prepping for student delegation visit in March 2024
- Preparing to send first post-covid Richmond Student Ambassadors in Summer 2024

Currently the Commission is preparing to send the first post-pandemic delegation of Richmond Youth Ambassadors to Shimada in July 2024. We are now in the stage of recruiting Ambassador candidates until early February 2024. Additionally, the Shimada Commission has announced the dates for the next Shimada Youth Friendship Ambassadors delegation visit in March 2024, and announced their intention to send an adult delegation to Richmond later in 2024.

For a description of the activities, please review the year-end report attached.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 - Richmond-Shimada Friendship Commission Year-end Report